

REMARKS/AGRUMENTS

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-27 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Request for References (Office Action, 1/4/04, par. 2)

Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement in response to the Examiner's request to provide references.

Request for Information under 37 CFR §1.105 (Office Action, 1/4/04, par. 3)

Applicants submit that the following information is not intended to limit the breadth and scope of the claims, but is provided in response to the request of the Examiner under 37 CFR §1.105.

Products that have incorporated the claimed subject matter: Connected Components Corporation Compiler ("CCC Compiler") produced by Connected Components Corporation of Boston, MA , now owned by Intel Corporation of Santa Clara, CA.

Products that have incorporated the disclosed prior art: Applicants are unaware of any products incorporating the disclosed prior art.

List of Keywords, etc.: abstract interpretation, program analysis, compiler optimization.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending (1) are in proper form, (2) are neither obvious nor anticipated by the relied upon art of record, and (3) are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (408) 947-8200.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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